

DEFENDANT'S

EXHIBIT

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DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

To: Linda Williams
3538 Lake Oak Ridge Drive
Enterprise, AL 36330

From: Birmingham District Office
Ridge Park Place
1130 22nd Street, South
Birmingham, AL 35205

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On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is
CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR § 1601.7(a))

EEOC Charge No.

EEOC Representative

Telephone No.

130-2006-00994

Murry A. Gosa,
Intake Supervisor

(205) 212-2119

THE EEOC IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

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The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforced by the EEOC.

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Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.

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Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged discrimination to file your charge.

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Having been given 30 days in which to respond, you failed to provide information, failed to appear or be available for interviews/conferences, or otherwise failed to cooperate to the extent that it was not possible to resolve your charge.

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While reasonable efforts were made to locate you, we were not able to do so.

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You were given 30 days to accept a reasonable settlement offer that affords full relief for the harm you alleged.

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The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.

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The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge.

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Other (briefly state)

- NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS -

(See the additional information attached to this form.)

Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and/or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act: This will be the only notice of dismissal and of your right to sue that we will send you. You may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court. Your lawsuit **must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this Notice**; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a state claim may be different.)

Equal Pay Act (EPA): EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that **backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.**

On behalf of the Commission

Enclosure(s)

Bernice Williams-Kimbrough,
District Director

11-29-05

(Date Mailed)

cc: Superintendent
ENTERPRISE CITY SCHOOLS
P. O. Box 311790
Enterprise, AL 36331

INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT
UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

*(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court under Federal law.
If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other
provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)*

**PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),
or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):**

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge **within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice**. Therefore, you should **keep a record of this date**. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed **within 90 days of the date this Notice was mailed to you** (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: back pay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit** may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/00 to 12/1/00, you should file suit **before 7/1/02** -- not 12/1/02 -- in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2000. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA back pay recovery period.

ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII and the ADA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do not relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, **please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice**. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.

State or local Agency, if any _____ and EEOC

Ms. Linda Williams
Name (Indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs.)

Home Telephone (Include Area Code)

3538 Lake Oak Ridge Drive, Enterprise, Al, 36330
Street Address City, State and Zip Code

1/4/62
Date of Birth

NAMED IS THE EMPLOYER, LABOR ORGANIZATION, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME (If more than one list below)

Enterprise City Schools over 400 334-347-9531
Name Number of Employees, Members Telephone (Include Area Code)
More than 15
Post Office Box 311790 Enterprise, Al 36331
Street Address City, State and Zip Code Coffee County
County

Cause of Discrimination Based on (Check appropriate box(es))

Date Discrimination Took Place
Earliest : October, 2003 Latest: May 17, 2005

☐ RACE ☐ COLOR ☐ SEX ☐ RELIGION ☐ AGE
☐ RETALIATION ☐ NATIONAL ☒ DISABILITY ☐ OTHER
ORIGIN

☐ CONTINUING ACTION

THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional space is needed, attach extra sheet(s)).

My name is Linda Williams. I worked for Enterprise City Schools for six years. For three years, beginning school year 2001-2002, I taught elementary school. I have been a certified teacher since 1997. In my first year as a teacher, I performed my job in a satisfactory manner and received good job performance evaluations. During my second year as a teacher, I was diagnosed with a disease known as sarcoidosis, which is an inflammatory disease that caused serious lung scarring, weight-gain, fatigue, and soreness. Despite the effects of this disease, I performed my job in a satisfactory manner. Because the supervisors of Enterprise City Schools wrongly perceived my condition as a disability, I was treated differently and suffered adverse employment actions including termination of my employment. My grade level was changed from third to second and I was required to empty my room. My principal criticized me for activities that were considered satisfactory for other teachers. I was treated differently than other teachers who were not perceived as disabled.

NOTARY - (When necessary for State and Local Requirements)

I want this charge filed with both the EEOC and the State or local Agency, if any. I will advise the agencies if I change my address or telephone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Linda Williams
I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE

November 10, 2005
(Day, month, and year)

Date Charging Party (Signature)

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